

## Jericho Energy Task Force Meeting – January 13, 2016

Members present: Eric Bishop, Larry Lamb, Catherine McMains, Phyl Newbeck, Roger Putzel, and Kathie Voigt Walsh

### 1. Icicle contest and back-up plans

The task force put together a schedule for posting about our annual icicle contest on Front Porch Forum, the caveat being that there have to be icicles forming for us to post. We intend to post weekly up until the Town Meeting Day deadline. Jim Bradley of Caleb Contracting has agreed to provide a free home energy audit to the winner again.

The task force also discussed a Plan B contest which would involve asking people to inventory their different kinds of light bulbs and submit the list to us for a chance to win a Nest programmable thermostat. The details of that contest have not been fleshed out.

### 2. Town Meeting Day

The JETF plans to have a display table at Town Meeting. Several of us will be staffing the table before and during the meeting.

### 3. Community nights

We finalized plans for our showing of *Blue Vinyl* on January 22 and our climatologist talk on February 19. We discussed various options for our March movie including *This Changes Everything* and *Just Eat It*.

### 4. Density bonus input for planning commission.

The Planning Commission asked us to come up with some ideas for energy-related density bonuses for PUDs. Currently, bonuses can be given when development meets or exceeds Vermont Energy Star Homes Silver Rating. Among the ideas discussed were community gardens and rooftop solar in the Village and Village Center districts, rooftop solar and/or community solar in other districts, and LEED silver rating for commercial developments. There was also discussion about finding ways to reward parking spots for car-shares and/or bike-share programs but it was decided that there were other ways to try to encourage that.

### 5. Other business

There was discussion about the possibility of sending out helpful energy efficiency information with tax bills. We will see if we can get someone from GMP to talk about battery technology at an upcoming meeting.

Our next meeting will be on February 11.